

Town of Stonington, CT
Stonington Harbor Management Commission
Regular Meeting
December 8, 2008
Final Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Peter Vermilya. Members present were Bill Abt, Alan Banister, Bill Geary, Jack Gorby, Rod Johnstone, and George Kenyon. Also present were Harbormaster Eric Donch and Assistant Harbormaster Charles Estabrooks.

A letter of resignation from the Stonington Harbor Management Commission was received from Rose Raffo. It was noted that two vacancies now existing on the Commission need to be filled – one from the Borough and one from the Town.

A permit was received from the Connecticut DEP to place buoys in Stonington Harbor demarcating the Transient Anchorage Area.

An application was received from Stonington Harbor Yacht Club for a permit to install floats with associated piles, pipe guides and hinged ramps at 70-72 Water Street in Stonington Harbor. Action was deferred pending receipt of further information requested.

A DEP Permit Consultation Form received from Docko on behalf of Eric Bam, to reconfigure the end of his dock at 11 Hancox Street was approved.

A DEP Permit Consultation Form received from Docko on behalf of Walker's Dock to widen the distance between their finger piers and extend the ends of their two commercial dock was tabled was deferred pending receipt of further information requested.

\$67.50 was paid to Attorney Londregan for Legal Services.

Mr. Abt's Treasurer's Report cited a Cash Balance of 15,883.85; A reserve of \$100 for the Harbormaster Boat; and a reserve of \$10,300 for the New Dock Fund.

The Harbormaster reported that there were no new mooring permits issued, no additions to the mooring waiting list (which now numbers 213), no moorings being given up and no new mooring assignments offered. Deposits to the SHMC account since October : \$180 (2008YTD: \$7900. The "Robert G" has been hauled. Mooring renewal applications will be sent out prior to February 2, 2009.

Under Old Business a motion to adopt the DEP guidelines for the permitting of private docks was approved.

The following motion to lift the 2002 Moratorium on the placement of new Individual Moorings in Stonington Harbor was approved:

“Due to increasing public demand this motion is to lift the Moratorium on Individual Moorings put in place by the Stonington Harbor Management Commission in November 2002, and to allow the Harbormaster to assign new moorings in locations beyond those currently shown on the mooring chart. The positions of the moorings and total number of moorings added will be at the Harbormaster’s discretion. These new moorings will be assigned from the waiting list in accordance with established policies.”

There were no comments from the public.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney S. Johnstone
Acting Secretary for the December 2008 meeting